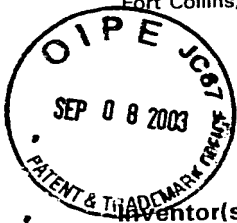


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and in response to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully Request Continued Examination and reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.